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In re application of  
W. BAKKER, et al.

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For: **DEVICE FOR HEAT  
SHRINKING FILM ONTO  
AN OPEN-TOPPED  
CONTAINER**

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**REPLY BRIEF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This Reply Brief is responsive to the Examiner's Answer of August 10, 2005. The Applicants again request reversal of all outstanding rejections.

Looking first to the Examiner's explanation of the rejection of claims 36, 37, 38, and 41 in Paragraph 9A, it is submitted that the Examiner has applied the references contrary to their clear teachings. The Examiner concludes that:

"It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to join an opaque heat shrinkable thermoplastic material to the downwardly extending edge of Heilman, or make the downwardly extending edge portion of an opaque heat shrinkable thermoplastic material in order to directly absorb infrared radiation and use only a limited number of lamps because of the teachings of Amberg."

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